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ANS 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 9-10, 1983



Participants in the American Numismatic Society's 31st Graduate Seminar in Numismatics, held in New York from June 14 to Aug. 13, include from left, Karmen E. Talbot, Denise A. Spellberg, Barbara C. Gombach, Ruth S. Mazo, Jane DeRose Evans, Wolfgang Hahn, the 1983 Visiting Scholar, Douglas Domingo-Foraste, Michail Khodarkovsky, Robin M. Jensen, Michael Garnaise, Manfred L. Cripe, and Victoria Ann Foertmeyer.

(Photo by Eli Attar.)

Graduate Seminar Concludes

The thirty-first Graduate Seminar in Numismatics at the American Numismatic Society concluded on August 12. The seminar, which includes an intensive program of lectures and ends with the presentation of original research by students, began on June 14. It is under the direction of William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator, and includes lectures by other members of the ANS staff. As usual, a visiting scholar was invited to

assist: this year it was Dr. Wolfgang R.O. Hahn, Universität-Dozent at the University of Vienna, who is attached to its Institut für Numismatik.

Outside lecturers included Dr. Sheila Blair, Harvard University; Prof. Richard Bulliet, Columbia University; Prof. Peter P. Gaspar, Washington University; Prof. Fred S. Kleiner, Boston University; Eric P. Newman, St. Louis; Prof.

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Excitement reigns at the ANS as September 9—the opening day of the Society's 125th anniversary celebration—rapidly approaches. In the East Exhibition Hall, *The World of Coins* is rapidly taking form as the Society's statement on the role of money in the development of the diverse cultures of our world. Elsewhere in the Society's headquarters in the Audubon Terrace Museum Complex, staff members are bringing to completion the various projects and programs for the celebration.

Two books are being published for the occasion. *The American Numismatic Society, 1958-1983*, by William E. Metcalf, supplements the centennial history volume issued in 1958 and *The American Numismatic Society Directory of Graduate Seminar Alumni* provides, in the first edition, biographical information on the 329 students who have attended the program from its inception in 1952 through 1982.

The 125th anniversary medal, by Marcel Jovine, has been struck by the firm of Stefano Johnson in Milan, Italy, and will be distributed beginning September 9. The medal, in the form of a very high relief plaquette, comprises a number of elements symbolic of the Society's place in the history of numismatics.

Final preparations are also being made for the two-day symposium on the theme *Numismatics and History: Methodological Approaches*, organized by Theodore Buttrey and William Metcalf.

Registration

Over 150 individuals have already registered for the anniversary celebration. Pre-registration is encouraged to

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At its July meeting, the Society's Council sat for a 125th anniversary portrait. Seated are Mrs. Marion G. Russell, Harry W. Fowler (First Vice-President), Harry W. Bass, Jr. (President), Roger A. Hornsby (Second Vice-President), John D. Leggett, Jr. (Treasurer); standing from left are Baldwin Maull,

Speros Vryonis, Jr., Alan B. Coleman, R. Henry Norweb, Jr., Eric P. Newman, Edward Glassmeyer and Glen W. Bowersock. Absent are Theodore V. Buttrey, Arthur Houghton and John J. Slocum. (Photo by Eli Attar.)

ANS GOVERNING COUNCIL—1983

The Society's governing Council comprises fifteen individuals who contribute time and expertise for the good of the ANS. The Council members, who meet four times each year at the Society's headquarters in New York, represent a broad cross section of cultural and business interests.

The current President of the Society and Chairman of the Executive Committee is Harry W. Bass, Jr. of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Bass is President of H.W. Bass and Sons, Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Vail Associates, Inc. Harry W. Fowler, First Vice-President and Chairman of the Society's Finance Committee, is Chairman of the Board of the Fiduciary Trust Company in New York. Roger A. Hornsby, Second Vice-President, is Professor of Classics at the University of Iowa, John D. Leggett,

Jr., of New Canaan, Connecticut, Treasurer of the Society, is retired Chairman of the Finance Committee of Church and Dwight Co.

Other members of the Council include Glen W. Bowersock, Professor and Director of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton; Theodore V. Buttrey of Ann Arbor and Cambridge, England, Professor of Classics at the University of Michigan; Alan B. Coleman of Dallas, President of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking Foundation and Caruth Professor of Financial Management at Southern Methodist University; and Edward Glassmeyer of Darien, Connecticut, who is a partner in the investment banking firm of Grubb and Co., New York.

Also serving on the Council are Arthur Houghton III, Associate Curator

at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Santa Monica, California; Baldwin Maull of Princeton, retired Chairman of the Board of Marine Midland Banks, Inc.; and Eric P. Newman, Treasurer of Edison Brothers Stores and a resident of St. Louis.

Other Council members are R. Henry Norweb, Jr., Executive Director of the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, Ohio; Mrs. Marion Russell, Editor of *Coin World*, published by Amos Press in Sidney, Ohio; John J. Slocum, retired foreign service officer residing in Newport, Rhode Island; and Speros Vryonis, Jr., Professor of History and Director of the Gustave E. Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

\$6,000 TO GOAL

Contributions and pledges to the Society's Annual Giving program totaled \$44,000 as of July 31, \$6,000 short of the goal set for fiscal 1983 which ends September 30. Annual Giving provides funds for general operations and contributes significantly to reducing the operating deficit. Response to a similar plea made last year resulted in over \$5,000 in gifts received during August and September; this year the need is

even greater.

Members Generous

Members and friends of the Society have been particularly generous during the past year, contributing not only to Annual Giving and to special activities but also in response to our need to fund the Society's 125th anniversary celebration and new permanent exhibition. If those who have been considering a gift to either Annual Giving or the anniversary will come forward now, and with

some additional help from those who are already numbered among our donors, we should be able to make our respective goals of \$50,000 and \$215,000.

Tax Benefit Reminder

Again in 1983, taxpayers, who otherwise do not itemize on their tax returns, may claim a deduction of up to \$25 in contributions to qualifying organizations such as the ANS.

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facilitate planning but registrations will be accepted on September 9 for those who are unable to do so sooner. A registration fee of \$20 (\$12 for accompanying persons) includes admission to all sessions, lunch on Friday and Saturday and an invitation to the exhibition reception of Friday evening. The Society has made special arrangements at two New York hotels—the Excelsior at 45 West 81st Street and the New York Statler, 7th Avenue at 33rd Street. Reservation forms are available from the Society.

Special Coin World Issue

In honor of the Society's 125th anniversary *Coin World*, the weekly newspaper, will carry a special pull-out section on the ANS in its September 1 issue. In addition to information on the Society, past and present, this section will contain 17 articles on diverse numismatic topics contributed by Society members for this special publication. The articles, by field of study, are *Ancient*: Ralph W. Mathisen, "The Variant Issues of the Pan-Head Tetradrachms"; Paolo Visona, "Coins from Illyria, Dacia and Moesia Found in Palestine." *European*: Henry Grunthal, "Coin Weights in the Cabinet of the American Numismatic Society"; Thomas F. Fitzgerald, "The Heraldic Shield on Coins of the Popes"; James C. Risk, "Heraldry and the Coinage Designs of the House of Savoy." *Middle Eastern*:

Raymond J. Hebert, "Tamghas on Coins"; Kenneth M. MacKenzie, "Elusive Coins of a Barbary State." *Far Eastern*: Daniel Cruson, "Banliang: A Standard Coinage for China"; John S. Davenport, "The Coinage of the Danish Trading Companies in the Far East." *Latin American*: Richard G. Doty, "A New Bolivian Proclamation Piece"; Miguel L. Munoz, "A Coin Called Pe\$o." *United States*: George E. Ewing, "Errors on Early U.S. Cents"; Joseph R. Lasser, "Continental Currency's Largest Issue: February 17, 1776." *Medals*: George S. Cuhaj, "A Medal for New York's Rose Street Sugar House"; Mark M. Salton, "Mary, Heiress of Burgundy." *ANS*: Edward Janis, "ANS—A Living Repository of Numismatics"; George F. Kolbe, "The American Numismatic Society Library and Its Librarians."

The Society is grateful to Amos Press, publishers of *Coin World*, to its editor, Margo Russell and her staff, and to the 17 contributors who cooperated in this memorable project.

John Kent on behalf of the organizing committee for the International Numismatic Congress to be held in London in September 1983. Editors have been selected and contributors are being solicited for the *Survey of Numismatic Literature 1978-84*, to be published in conjunction with the Congress.

The Bureau discussed at length the continued production of collections in the *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum* format. The Bureau approved a proposal that participating institutions, and those contemplating beginning the systematic recording of ancient Greek coinage series, produce future volumes in a slightly reduced format (295 mm x 210 mm).

The Bureau also reviewed the various numismatic symposia and conferences scheduled through 1985, recognizing the importance of exchanges of information among numismatists and other humanists.

Resolution on Theft Notification

Acting on a report circulated by the Royal Collection of Coins and Medals in Copenhagen concerning a theft similar to that which had occurred elsewhere but was not reported at large, the Bureau resolved that all museum members of the Commission should act quickly to inform both the INC and the IAPN of thefts or suspicion of theft. These organizations will correlate information received and see that other institutions are alerted.

The Bureau accepted an invitation from the Staatliche Museum to hold its 1984 meeting in Berlin, tentatively April 2-3.

BATES AT INC MEETING

The governing Bureau of the International Numismatic Commission met this year at the British Museum in London on May 25-26. Nine members attended, including Michael L. Bates, ANS Curator of Islamic coins.

A special report was presented by

LIBRARY SHELVING IN PLACE

The installation of Spacesaver mobile shelving in the Society's West Library completes the second stage of a modernization plan begun in 1982 when similar shelving units were installed in the east wing. Society Librarian Francis Campbell is now developing plans to reorganize the staff work space and visitor reading areas in the west wing.

The immediate result of the work completed to date is an over-all increase of 30% in Library shelf capacity which permits a greater part of the collection to be housed in the main Library and also provides adequate space for new acquisitions for some time to come. The new installation represents a major step forward in the Library's expansion and preservation program, which has included the segregation of rare and fragile items and the purchase of reprint editions where available.



HESSLER ELECTED FELLOW

Paper money expert, Gene J. Hessler of Oradell, New Jersey, was elected a Fellow of the Society at the July 15 meeting of the ANS Council. Hessler has been an Associate member of the Society since 1976, a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in London from 1971, as well as being active in the ANA, Society of Paper Money Collectors and the International Banknote Society.

A professional musician, Hessler has a BA from the University of Cincinnati and a Masters from the Manhattan School of Music. He is currently performing in the famous Radio City Music Hall Orchestra.

From 1967 through 1977 he was Curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum in New York. Hessler is author of over two dozen articles, mostly on currency, appearing in various periodicals including *Paper Money*, *Bank Note Reporter* and *IBNS Journal*. In addition, several books have appeared, beginning with *The New Official Guide to U.S. Coinage*, which he edited in 1970 and 1971; and *The Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money*, first published in 1974, revised and expanded for the 1977 edition and accepted as the standard reference in the field. In 1979 he published the more specialized but equally acclaimed *U.S. Essay, Proof and Specimen Notes*.

bara, CA; Marie-Louise DuPont, Brussels, Belgium; Jane DeRose Evans, Philadelphia, PA; Victoria Foertmeyer, Chatham Township, NJ; Michael Garmaise, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Barbara C. Gombach, New York, NY; Robin M. Jensen, New York, NY; Orme Lewis, Phoenix, AZ; Kenneth M. Lowe, Richmond Heights, OH; Donald W. Mark, Adel, IA; and Jose M. Mayorga, Madrid, Spain.

Also, Ruth S. Mazo, Brooklyn, NY; Middle East Cultural Center in Japan, Tokyo, Japan; Ernest J. Montgomery, Natrona Heights, PA; Domenic Morabito, New York, NY; Jeffrey Oliphant, Beverly Hills, CA; Kevin C. Pfeifle, Westhampton Beach, NY; Michel Prieur, Boulogne, France; Francesco Renzulli, Naples, Italy; O.E. Royer, St. Peters, MO; Fred Schwan, Port Clinton, OH; Frank Sedwick, Maitland, FL; Lloyd F. Sundermeier, North Olmsted, OH; John Henderson Taylor, New York, NY; Shefik Leon Tremblay, Inglewood,

CLIFF LEVY, VOLUNTEER

The Society is fortunate to have Clifford Levy, a high school student from New Rochelle, New York, working as a volunteer in the coin room during the summer. Cliff spends two days each week cataloging the ANS collection exhibition medals on the computer.

Although just 16, he is already an experienced collector and exhibitor, particularly of U.S. coins of the 1850-90 period. He is a frequent speaker at coin conventions including the ANA Young Numismatist Educational Forum, and has appeared in print.



Cliff Levy, ANS volunteer, at his terminal.

At the Society, Cliff began with medals of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis for which there is a recent catalogue by Kurt Krueger. Highlights of the ANS holding of this fair are prize medals originally in the collection of A.A. Weinman who created them.

Next to be entered in the database is the ANS collection of the 1893 Columbian Exposition of Chicago, which features a cast specimen of the Saint-Gaudens design of the official medal, with the rejected reverse. Of special interest to Cliff is the collection of material from the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, for which no complete catalogue has been published since that in the *American Journal of Numismatics* over a century ago.

CA; William R. Weber, San Jose, CA; Russell Woodruff, Colorado Springs, CO; and Amelia Zalcmán, New York, NY.

Reinstatements

Three former members of the Society were reinstated by the Council: John J. Gabriel, Merrick, NY; Stephen Karl Scher, Clifton, NJ; and Radford Stearns, Lilburn, GA.



ANS Director, Leslie Elam, confers with the Society's new Business Manager, Orin Joseph.

JOSEPH JOINS STAFF

On July 1 the Society welcomed Orin Joseph as its new Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer. Joseph, a native New Yorker, is a 1976 graduate of Howard University in Accounting and has also attended the New York Institute of Finance.

After four years at the financial firm of Morgan Stanley and Company, he moved to California in 1981 where he rose to supervisor of the finance staff at a physicians cooperative trust in Los Angeles.

In 1983, Joseph returned to New York as the Society was interviewing for the position in anticipation of John Greenfield's retirement on June 30. Joseph's background in accounting, budgeting and office management makes him eminently suited for this Society position.

33 ASSOCIATES ELECTED

The Society's Council elected 33 new Associate Members and reinstated three others at its July 15 meeting. Newly elected are: Miccoli Angelo, Bergamo, Italy; Efrain Archilla-Diez, Humacao, Puerto Rico; Scott D. Barnes, Auburn, NY; John D. Bearden, Napa, CA; Manfred Cripe, Nogales, AZ; Douglas Domingo-Foraste, Santa Bar-

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Elizabeth J. Rock, Wellesley College; and Margaret Thompson, Chief Curator Emeritus of the ANS. Lectures by the staff members are, for the most part, introductions to special fields with an emphasis on methodology; outside lecturers stress methodology as applied to particular problems.

The students and their topics are as follows: Manfred L. Cripe, University of Arizona, "Themes on Indian Princely State Coinage: Assimilation and Revitalization"; Douglas Domingo-Foraste, University of California at Santa Barbara, "The Fourth Century Mint of Anaktorion"; Jane DeRose Evans, University of Pennsylvania, "The Issues of Sextus Pompey"; Victoria A. Foertmeyer, Princeton University, "Finds of Roman Imperial Coins in Egypt"; Michael Garmaise, McGill University, "Syrian Mints under Caracalla"; Barbara C. Gombach, Columbia University, "Coinage of the Great Kushanas"; Robin M. Jensen, Columbia University, "The Transformation of Religious Images in Fourth Century Coinage"; Mikhail Khodarkovsky, University of Chicago, "Numismatic Realities and Historical Incongruities in the Late 14-Century Golden Horde"; Ruth S. Mazo, Yale University, "Czechs and Balances: Early Twelfth Century Coinage in the Light of a Hoard of Vladislav I"; Denise A. Spellberg, Columbia University, "'Ummayyad North': Numismatic Evidence for a New Administrative Designation?"; Karmen E. Talbot, Columbia University, "Fatimid Coinage at Ifriqiyya.

AMSA JURY SELECTS SHOW

On June 4 sixteen people came together to form the jury of the 1983 Medallion and Bas Relief Sculpture Exhibition. The show, sponsored by the American Medallion Sculpture Association and the American Numismatic Society, will be held from October 1 through December 3, 1983, at the museum of the ANS, Audubon Terrace, Broadway and 155th Street, New York City. It is scheduled to travel in 1984 to the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs and the San Francisco Mint.

The jury included the officers and members of the Board of Directors of AMSA, two representatives of the ANS, and three guest jurors: Dr. Lewis Sharp, Curator of American Painting and Sculpture of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Dr. Patterson Sims, Associate Curator of Sculpture at the Whitney Museum of American Art, and N. Neil Harris, editor of *The Numismatist*. In its opening discussion, the jury affirmed as its goal the selection of works of the highest level of professional quality. It also stressed the importance of assembling a show that would represent a wide

The Society's seminar is conducted annually from the second Tuesday in June through the second Saturday in August. Admission is by application, and all successful candidates are awarded a stipend of \$900, provided through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

range of styles and approaches to relief sculpture, including traditional and avant-garde works.

Among the forty artists whose work will be represented in the show are some who are familiar to those who have followed medallion art over the years: Dora de Pedery Hunt, Elizabeth Jones, Mico Kaufman, Marcel Jovine, Albert Wein, Robert Weinman, and Karen Worth. Others are sculptors who are turning to bas relief for the first time or whose work has until now been known only through small editions or unique pieces.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Society President Harry W. Bass, Jr., has appointed two nominating committees to report at the Annual and Corporate Reorganization Meetings of the Society next January.

Harry W. Fowler will serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee for Members of the Council. Other members are Alan B. Coleman and Baldwin Maull. The committee will present nominations for three positions on the Society's Council at the Annual Meeting on January 14, 1984.

The Nominating Committee for Officers of the Society comprises Margo Russell, chairman, Arthur Houghton and Eric P. Newman. This Committee will report at the Corporate Reorganization Meeting of the Society's Council immediately following the Annual Meeting in January.

STAHL SOLICITS MEDIEVAL PAPERS

As he has for the past two years, Alan Stahl is organizing a panel for the annual International Congress on Medieval Studies of the Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. The conference will be held from May 10 to 13, 1984. Stahl is looking for papers for the session entitled "Coinage and Money in the Middle Ages." Though the focus of the congress is on medieval Europe, papers dealing with medieval Islam and Byzantium are welcome. Communications should be about 20 minutes in length; audio-visual equipment is available. Those interested in participating should send a one-page abstract of their paper to Stahl at the ANS by October 1, 1983.



Eric P. Newman, guest lecturer at the ANS Graduate Seminar, responds to a question following his talk.

Calendar

August

- 16-20 ANA Convention: Richard Doty, ANS Representative; ANS volunteers will man the ANS Information Booth

September

- 8 Columbia University Seminar on Roman Numismatics begins, taught by William Metcalf
- 9-10 Celebration of ANS 125th anniversary at Audubon Terrace
- 10 ANS exhibition, *The World of Coins*, opens to the public
- 18-25 2nd International Colloquium of the Center of Neohellenic Studies, Alan Stahl to talk on "Venetian Coinage in Medieval Greece"

October

- 1 American Medallic Sculpture Association exhibition of Medallic and Bas Relief Sculpture opens at ANS, 1 P.M. (through December 3)
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
Council Meeting
Fall Members Meeting: John H. Dryfhout, Curator, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, to talk on "Coin Designs of Augustus Saint-Gaudens."
- 9-14 FIDEM International Conference: U.S. delegation, John

Cook and Alan Stahl; Alan Stahl to talk on "Les médailles industrielles américaines"

- 15 British Numismatic Society symposium on Matthew Boulton and the Soho Mint, University of Aston, Birmingham, Richard Doty to talk on "Token Antecedents of the Boulton Coinage"
- 20-21 Annual Conference of the Museum Computer Network, Strong Museum, Rochester
- 21-22 17th Annual Conference, Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies, SUNY Binghamton, Alan Stahl to talk on "Numismatics and Medieval Archaeology"
- 22 82nd History Conference of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities, Bard College, Annandale, N.Y., Carmen Arnold-Biucchi to talk on "Greek Cities of Sicily in the 5th century B.C.: The Evidence of a Coin Hoard"; commentator—Nancy Waggoner

Kaufman, Marcel Jovine, Arthur Herschell Lidov, Ora Markstein, Irving Mazze, Anne Mirvish, James M. Peed, Stephen Perkins, Ed Reilly, Marion Roller, Frieda Rosenstein, Maryvonne Rosse, Alex Shagin, Marika Somogyi, Adelaide T. Sundin, Merlin Szosz, Patricia Verani, Bill Walters, Albert Wein, Robert Weinman, Clara Weinert, Gerta Ries Wiener, and Karen Worth.

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Several of the pieces in the show represent production techniques of special interest. Irving Mazze will be displaying four pieces cast in bronze through the lost wax process from originals which are cut gem stones. Mr. Mazze, a professional gem cutter, will also lend the quartz, carnelian and crystal originals for comparison with the medals. Joseph Dinardo has adapted the renaissance painting by Quentin Matsys of a banker and his wife into a bas relief, which he will then cut into a die and strike on pewter and bronze on his own press. Medals of Kenneth D. Douglas will demonstrate the vanishing art of carving directly into the steel die, a technique he learned from his father, Louis Douglas, a master die engraver for many years.

The exhibition will be accompanied by an illustrated catalogue, and many of the works will be available for sale to the public. Carter Jones, president of AMSA, noted, "We hope this to be the first of a periodic series of shows which will allow those working in medallic and bas relief media to display their work to the public and will offer to art lovers the chance to explore an approach to sculpture whose potential is unlimited."

The artists whose works will be exhibited in this year's show are: Rahim Al-Wakil, Thelma Marcus Beckerman, Becky Clark, John Cook, Joseph E. Dinardo, Kenneth D. Douglas, Pamela Endacott, Gary Eriksen, Don Everhart II, Leonda F. Finke, Cory Gilliland, Amanullah Haiderzad, N. Neil Harris, Mary Hecht, Dora de Pedery Hunt, Carter Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Mico

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